10/13/71

Dear Harold,

I have a large stack of letters from you here, most of which have been sitting here for quite some time, as I have been very occupied with schoolwork. I got your latest mailing yesterday, which seemed to require immediate response, so I'll tackle everything now. I'll just go through your letters chronologically and make response when needed.

RE Harper slides and CD 1269: You suggest that I do not tell Archives they gave me 1269 and consider if the pictures are worth having. I would think they are not, that what we could learn from them would be negligible, if anything. Agree, X-rays--if any taken--would be valuable. I think there is one reference to X-rays which I'll get to later in this letter. However, what remains in 1269 is a covering letter from Hoover, and I would like to see that. Do you think there'd be any harm in requesting this? What is the advantage of not telling them they slipped out what they did, if they are not aware of it now?

My reading of the panel's description of that 8 x 45mm path of fine fragments in the head is that it begins ("ends" according to Panel) about an inch above the end of your right eyebrow on the side closest to the ear.

Re Xeroxing of PM--I'm very short on cash now, but I hope to be of some assistance in financing some of the Xeroxing. I'll probably be able to send money in 2 weeks, perhaps a little more.

Re Wecht and pix&X-rays: I know very little of this, and all that I do know is from Sylvia. Although I don't have her letters here with me, I recall that she wrote me and said Cyril would be requesting access to the pix and X-rays. I told her I doubted if they would be made available to him, and I believe she agreed, though she said it was an effort that had to be made. She also wanted Cyril to read my book in preparation for the examination, if he were granted access. I told her I had no objections to it, as he himself has expressed the desire to me in the past to read my book, and he is aware of some of my medical work. There has been no follow-up on this; neither Sylvia nor Cyril has yet made any arrangements that I know of to have Cyril read the book. I've heard nothing from Cyril himself on this and, again, my only source of info was Sylvia, from whom I did not learn much at all.

I'm now on your latest letter, 10/10, which responds to my various comments and suggestions re PM I, dated 8/13 and 9/3. I don't have those here and don't recall exactly what I wrote, so I must make less than adequate response. When I get home to WW, I'll check the citation you give me, which you say goes into what I suggested you should go into. I did check WW when I was at your place, and don't recall any of what I presume you refer to, but I can't swear to it. I look forward to reading what you have referred me to, and cannot comment until I do.

The COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS dated 8/13/71 are mine. I think these will be of more help to you than my broader suggestions involving whole chapters, etc., for we apparently disagree on organization and, to a degree, presentation.

You request copies of CD1395:46-8 re skull pieces. I have these at home, and can't get to them to make you copies. However, they are printed in the document appendix in Six Seconds and, though you will need a magnifying glass, you can find them there for the time being. I believe that here there is a reference to X-raying the Harper pieces, but I may be wrong. Check it, please.

I'm sorry if I can't keep in touch as much or be as helpful while I'm at school. I'm sure you understand that once here, my priorities must favor schoolwork and I am forced to put the assassination more into the back of my mind. This in no way is to say or hint that you or anyone else should cut down on sending me materials, etc. However, at school I am not in a position to be as helpful as when I have less pressing and time consuming obligations. My interest in the topic and my desire to help have not dwindled.

I say this because it seems you are at a point in your work where you really need help, simply because you are handling something which is almost impossible for one man to handle alone. Over the summer I tried to be of as much help as I could. Now I am severly limited, and I feel kind of bad about it for I wouldlike to continue my assistance. Even financially, I am in a bind. Living at school is a financial burdon for my parents, and both they and I must spend far more than when I lived at home over the summer. So I do not have accessible funds as over the summer, and I am really restricted in the degree to which I might help you that way.

Please send my regards to Lil and, by all means, keep in touch.

Best,

Lincoln